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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Hochschuler et al.

Confirmation No. 7691

Application No.: 10/804,761

Examiner: D. Davis

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A VERTEBRAL BODY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) month (from March 1, 2006 to April 1, 2006) within which to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated February 1, 2006 is requested. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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